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Cooperative Threat Reduction – Partnership toward progress

The Cooperative Threat Reduction program was established in 1991 with the primary mission of providing assistance to the former republics of the Soviet Union to prevent further production of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons.

Through the CTR program, the Army offers the Russian Federation technical and financial support for safe destruction of the country's chemical agent stockpile. Russian delegations have taken advantage of opportunities to visit U.S. stockpile sites. In April, a group traveled to Utah to learn about disposal efforts at TOCDF and the emergency response plans that are in place.

The United States already has accomplished many of the goals



Tooele Mayor Charlie Roberts (center) welcomes the Russian delegation to Tooele during their visit to the Outreach Office where they had the chance to view displays of munitions and safety equipment.



The Russian delegation learns about the monitoring equipment that is used to ensure safety during the storage and destruction of chemical weapons.



A view from the top—the group visited the historic pioneer cemetery that provides a great view of the entire depot.

needed in order to get the Russian chemical weapons disposal program underway. For example, CTR program funds enabled the award of several contracts to support the design and construction of the Shchuch'ye facility, Russia's first nerve agent destruction facility. Russian organizations work in partnership with U.S. contractors in developing the destruction process and preparing designs for the facility.

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Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program

The Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program has improved the emergency response capabilities of communities that surround chemical weapons stockpiles. Because safety is the top priority of the chemical weapons disposal effort, the Army has worked with the eight stockpile communities to upgrade their emergency response capabilities. Today—with the help of the Army, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal, state and local agencies—these communities are better prepared for a variety of emergencies.

This partnership has helped our community by enhancing emergency plans and providing chemical accident response equipment and warning systems. Long after the stockpile has been eliminated, our emergency professionals will continue to use the training they have received in communications, planning and medical response through CSEPP.



State and county emergency personnel and volunteers participate in response training exercises.

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Another goal of the CTR program is to facilitate communication with Russian citizens about the chemical weapons disposal process. This is accomplished primarily through partnership with Green Cross Russia, an independent nongovernmental organization based in Switzerland. The United States funds three public outreach and

information offices operated by Green Cross in communities surrounding Shchuch'ye. In order to advance the success of the Russian outreach program, Russian delegations have had the opportunity to visit U.S. stockpile sites and learn about the outreach efforts that are taking place.

Through these efforts, the CTR program has

achieved a great deal of success. By sharing U.S. technology and knowledge, the CTR program supports Russian nerve agent destruction efforts and will enable the Russian Federation to take on full responsibility for disposing its chemical weapons stockpile.



Kari Sagers (second from left), director of Tooele County Emergency Management, briefs the delegation on the county's emergency response plan.

Got questions about chemical weapons disposal?

Since 1995, the Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office has provided the community with easy access to information about the chemical weapons disposal program. The outreach office staff is available to address questions concerning the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility. The office also provides information on the storage of chemical weapons, the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, the Assembled Chemical Weapons Assessment Program and the Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project.

Inside the outreach office, you will find models of munitions and the disposal facility; information papers and technical documents; informative videos, brochures and pamphlets; and examples of protective gear worn by workers at the facility. An Internet workstation also is available for the public to research information about the Army's chemical demilitarization program and other related topics.

The outreach office staff participates in a number of community events, including county fairs,



The Tooele Outreach Office staff is available to answer your questions.

emergency preparedness fairs and the annual Utah Education Association Convention. Thousands of area residents already have shown an interest in the chemical weapons disposal program. Many have stopped by the outreach office and have taken advantage of the information available. Others have arranged presentations for their schools, clubs and organizations. If you are interested in learning more about the chemical demilitarization program, please call the outreach office at (435) 882-3773 or (800) 471-1617.

Welcome our new deputy program manager

With more than 30 years of acquisition and project management experience, Delbert F. Bunch brings a wealth of expertise to the chemical weapons disposal program as PMCD's new Deputy Program Manager.

Since his appointment to the position in June, Mr. Bunch's first priority is to learn the intricacies of the Army's complex disposal mission. As part of this effort, he is visiting each of the stockpile sites to meet local citizens and gain first-hand experience with the program. Mr. Bunch explained, "I look forward to meeting with local citizens and hearing their concerns. It will be



PMCD's Deputy Program Manager Delbert F. Bunch

a perfect opportunity for me to better understand the local perspectives on destroying these weapons swiftly and safely."

Mr. Bunch's current Department of Defense work mirrors his previous service for the Department of Energy, where his focus was on nuclear issues. Specifically, as the department's Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy, he was directly responsible for programs such as nuclear waste cleanup. He also served as the department's Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety, Health and Quality Assurance, overseeing national and international nuclear programs. Because of his expertise, the Secretary of Energy designated Mr. Bunch as the lead technical representative in the White House task force on the Chernobyl accident in 1986.

Please join us in welcoming Delbert Bunch to PMCD. To learn about his plans to visit your community, please contact your outreach office.

We want to hear from you

The Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office serves as a clearing house of information about the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility and the Army's plans for chemical weapons disposal. The outreach offices have materials that address your questions or concerns.

If you would like more information about the Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Offices, please phone 435-882-3773 or 1-800-471-1617, or complete the right side of this form and mail it to:

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☐ **yes** ☐ **no**

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, please complete the following:

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Do you know of any groups or individuals interested in participating in a Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility presentation?

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